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Subject: RE: East Chicago Community Outreach

Janet – thank you so much for taking this initiative. I’m available to talk next week and to go onsite Sept 27-29. Anything I can do to help you/Paul/Arnita/etc., let me know.

From: Pope, Janet
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Hi All,

My name is Janet Pope, I work for the USEPA, and I’m the community involvement coordinator for the USS Lead Site in East Chicago, IN.

There’s something here that’s really bothering me.

We have come across many residents in zone 2 that have a bunch of children in the home. These properties have been tested and are coming back with high lead levels. We ask parents if they have had their children blood tested. They answer no. We give them the information regarding the ECHD blood testing program. When we go back to the house to clean the soil, we ask the parents after the cleanup if they got the children’s blood tested. We get answers like “there is nothing wrong with them” “I was gonna do it” “haven’t had time” “to just no”. I and others have seen these children playing in the dirt with their shoes off, and just covered in the dirt from head to toe.

It’s evident to me at least they are not going to call the ECHD for testing. Therefore I would like to set up a conference call with everyone that’s on this email to ask:

- 1) Would you be available for September 27th, 28th, and 29th to do blood testing for residents that live in the superfund zones here at Carrie Gosch School?
- 2) If Paul Krievins from, ISDH, would be available to come on the 29th to share resources for lead-based paint for the residents? This is another concern of the residents.

This would just be an information session for 3 days, with Paul giving residents resources for lead based paint (this may be in the auditorium) on that Saturday morning. If we do blood testing we can get two classrooms for that, and we also would like to have tables with additional information. (nutrition, health, etc). I know we have reach out to this community plenty of times, but I’m asking that we reach out one more time this year.

I would like to set up a conference call with all of you either Tuesday or Wednesday next week, please let me know by replying to this email if you are available. Just need to know now if you are available any of these days.

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